

IN THE CLAIMS

1.(Currently Amended) A ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application access and activation system~~ portable electronic device comprising:

a ~~data~~-bus for communicating information;

a display for displaying an image ~~including~~ comprising a listing of applications,
said display coupled to said ~~data~~-bus;

a ~~central~~ processor for processing ~~said~~ information, said central processor
coupled to said ~~data~~-bus;

a ~~random access~~ volatile memory for storing information and instructions for
said ~~central~~ processor, said ~~random access~~ volatile memory coupled to said ~~data~~-bus;

a ~~read only~~ non-volatile memory for storing static information and instructions;
said ~~read only~~ non-volatile memory is coupled to said ~~data~~-bus;

a jog dial for accessing and activating one of said applications, said jog dial
coupled to said ~~data~~-bus; and

a plurality of buttons in communication with said processor.

2.(Currently Amended) The ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation system~~ portable electronic device of Claim 1 wherein said jog dial accesses said one of
said applications when depressed longer than a specific duration of time.

3.(Currently Amended) The ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation system~~ portable electronic device of Claim 1 wherein said access comprises displaying said list of applications on said display.

4.(Currently Amended) The ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation system~~ portable electronic device of Claim 3 wherein said jog dial permits a selection of said one of said applications by changing a highlight indicator on said display when said jog dial is rotated.

5.(Currently Amended) The ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation system~~ portable electronic device of Claim 4 wherein said activation occurs when said jog dial is depressed after said selection is made.

6.(Currently Amended) The ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation system~~ portable electronic device of Claim 4 wherein said highlight indicator moves up said application list when said jog dial is rotated up and moves down said application list when said jog dial is rotated down.

7.(Currently Amended) The portable electronic device ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation system~~ of Claim 4 wherein said application list includes a cancel indicator for canceling said access when said jog dial is depressed.

8.(Currently Amended) The portable electronic device ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation system~~ of Claim 4 wherein said application list includes an off indicator for turning off said personal digital assistant.

9.(Currently Amended) The portable electronic device ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation system~~ of Claim 1 wherein said jog dial accesses said application list when said jog dial is depressed a specified number of times.

10.(Currently Amended) The portable electronic device ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation system~~ of Claim 1 wherein said application list includes application icons.

11.(Currently Amended) A method of using a jog dial ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation method~~ comprising the steps of:

presenting an application list comprising ~~including~~ a plurality of application identifiers on a display when said a jog dial is depressed for a specific amount of time;

moving a highlighting indicator to a different one of said plurality of application identifiers in response to movements in said jog dial; ~~and~~
activating an application in association with said one of said plurality of application identifiers when said jog dial is depressed again; and
receiving input from a plurality of buttons.

12.(Currently Amended) A ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation~~ method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein said presentation of said application list occurs while an application is active.

13.(Currently Amended) A ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation~~ method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein a user depresses said jog dial for a specified period of time.

14.(Currently Amended) A ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation~~ method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein said application list includes a variety of application titles and application icons representing applications.

15.(Currently Amended) A ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation~~ method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein a user rotates the jog dial to highlight an application identifier included in the application list.

16.(Currently Amended) A ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation~~ method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein said jog dial is rotated up to move a highlighter up in the list and down to move the highlighter down the list.

17.(Currently Amended) A ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation~~ method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein a user depresses said jog dial again when a desired application is highlighted and said desired application is activated.

18.(Currently Amended) A ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation~~ method of using a jog dial of claim 11 further comprising the step of canceling an application activation by highlighting a cancel indicator included in said application list and depressing said jog dial.

19.(Currently Amended) A ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation~~ method of using a jog dial of claim 11 further comprising the step turning off a hand

held computer by highlighting an off indicator included in said application list and depressing said jog dial.

20.(Currently Amended) A ~~personal digital assistant jog dial application activation~~ method of suing a jog dial of claim 11 further comprising the step of performing an operating system function in a hand held computer by highlighting an operating system indicator included in said application list and depressing said jog dial.

21.(Currently Amended) A computer program application access and activation system comprising:

a ~~data~~-bus for communicating information;

a display for displaying a navigable application identification graphic, said display coupled to said ~~data~~-bus;

a ~~central~~-processor for processing ~~said~~ information, said central processor coupled to said ~~data~~-bus;

a memory for storing information and instructions for said ~~central~~-processor, said ~~random access~~-memory coupled to said ~~data~~-bus;

a plurality of buttons in communication with said processor; and

an input component for accessing and activating an application displayed in said navigable application identification graphic, said input component coupled to said ~~data~~ bus.

22.(Original) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 21 wherein said navigable application identification graphic includes OS level operation identifiers or icons.

23.(Original) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 21 wherein said navigable application identification graphic comprises an application list.

24.(Original) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 21 wherein said navigable application identification graphic appears on said display when said input component is manipulated in a predetermined manner for longer than a specific period of time.

25.(Original) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 21 wherein said input component provides navigation instructions and enter instructions in response to manipulations of said input component.

26.(Original) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 25 wherein said manipulations of said input component cause a corresponding movement is a highlight indicator shown on said display.

27.(Original) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 21 wherein a depression of said input component cause activation of a highlighted application.

28.(Currently Amended) ~~A personal digital assistant operating system function access and activation method~~ An activation method for an electronic device comprising the steps of:

presenting an operating system function list on a display when an input component is manipulated in a predetermined manner;

moving a highlighting indicator to a different operating system function identifier included in said operating system function list in response to manipulation of said input component; and

activating an operating system function associated with said operating system function identifier when said input component is manipulated in a predetermined manner.

29.(Currently Amended) An activation method ~~A personal digital assistant operating system function access and activation method~~ of claim 28 wherein said presentation of said operating function list occurs while another operating system function is already being performed.

30.(Currently Amended) An activation method ~~A personal digital assistant operating system functions access and activation method~~ of claim 28 wherein a user manipulates said input component for a specified period of time to make said operating system function list appear.

31.(Currently Amended) An activation method ~~A personal digital assistant operating system function access and activation method~~ of claim 28 wherein said operating system function list includes a cancel identifier for canceling the operating system function access and application activities.

32.(Currently Amended) An activation method ~~A personal digital assistant operating system function access and activation method~~ of claim 28 wherein said operating system function list includes an off identifier for turning off the personal digital assistant.